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TOPIC Military information from LudwigslustEVALUATION 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 25X1CDATE OBTAINED 26 January 1953REFERENCES 25X1APAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Prior to 11 December 1952, the Alte and Neue Reiter Kaserne in Ludwigslust was occupied by an estimated 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and signal insignia, and crimson epaulets. From 4 to 7 December, seven details of 18 soldiers each daily engaged in drill and close combat practice in the barracks yard between 9 a.m. and noon. One of these details practiced bayonet drill on a structure consisting of eight piles, about 1.75 meters high, connected by straw mats and behind which there was a small bale of straw and a ditch. Another group crossed logs with full fieldpack and others climbed over, and practiced throwing hand grenades at a wooden wall which was about 2 meters high. [REDACTED] was seen en route to the installation.¹

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2. Prior to 11 December, the Techentin airfield was occupied by about 450 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 50 percent of the troops were officers. Some wore signal insignia. A total of 24 JS tanks was observed. From 8 to 11 December, drill was performed daily between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. No training on the tanks was observed.

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- 25X1A 1. Comment. Although no confirmation regarding the occupancy of the Alte and Neue Reiter Kaserne since the return of the troops from summer training is available, it can probably be assumed that the occupation is the same i.e. the 59th Mecz Regt, the 1054th How Arty Regt and the 348th Engr Bn, all of the 18th Mecz Div, are carried there. The 592d Mort Regt of the division previously stationed there, is probably stationed in Perleberg.

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- 25X1A 2. Comment. The 119th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 18th Mecz Div was carried at the Techentin airfield prior to the beginning of the summer training period. The information contained in this report indicates no change in the occupation. However, the number of officers appears too high, while the entire occupation strength is believed underestimated. The bulk of the motor vehicle numbers observed belong to the division.

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